registered as 100% EOUs in the agricultural sector including spices are permitted to sell upto 50% of their production in the domestic tariff area. McCormick and Burns Philip have not marketed their products in the country.

(g) and (h). A number of multinational companies have shown interest in establishing joint ventures/ 100% Export Oriented Units in the Spices Sector. Some of the major multinational companies which have established spices processing units in India as joint venture/foreign owned company are McCormick, and Burns Philip.

(i) With the establishment of these joint ventures, the country has benefitted through the induction of new technologies and capital, sourcing of raw materials from within the country for primary processing, improving the returns to the growers and enhancement of export of value-added spices/spice products.

Export of Chillies

*235. SHRI SYDAIAH KOTA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of chillies exported and foreign exchange earned therefrom during each of the last three years;

(b) the target set for export of chillies for 1996-97; and

(c) the measures taken to protect the stock of chillies from the attack of fungus in view of the recent cyclone in Andhra Pradesh so that exports are not rejected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. B.B. RAMAIAH) : (a) The total quantity and value of chillies exported during the last 3 years are given below :

Year	Quantity (Tonnes)	Value Rs. Crores
1993-94	30,776	72.14
1994-95	20,096	57.12
1995-96 (P)	56,073	194.15

(Source : Spices Board, Kochi, DGCI & S, Calcutta)

(b) Government has not fixed spice-wise targets for exports. Spices Board has fixed a target of 40,000 MT valued at Rs. 160 crores for the year 1996-97 for export of chillies.

(c) Training programmes on post harvest handling of chillies are being conducted jointly with the Department of Agriculture, Andhra Pradesh by the Spices Board. In such training programmes, growers are being advised to store harvested pods in heaps either indoors or in shade away from direct sunlight for 2-3 days, so as to develop uniform red colour, at 22* - 25* C. Subsequent to this, pods be dried in the sun by spreading them out on clean, dry mats, cemented or concreted surfaces/terraces etc. ensuring that the product does not get any contaminations from the drying yard or premises. Pods should be spread out in thin layers for uniform drying with frequent stirring which is essential for preventing mould growth and discolouration. The material should be heaped and covered by clean gunny bags/tarpaulin at night. When the moisture level in dried chilli pods is below 15%, they should be packed in clean dry gunny bags and stored ensuring protection from dampaness. Dunnage has to be provided to stack the packed bags to prevent moisture ingress from the cloth. Care should be taken to stack the bags 50-60 centimetres away from the wall.

Coal Washeries

*236. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Coal India Limited propose to set up more coal washeries at collieries to improve quality of coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress so far made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) to (c). Four coal washeries, namely Kedla (coking) with 2.60 million tonnes per annum capacity and Piparwar (non-coking) with 6.5 million tonnes per annum capacity in Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), Madhuband (coking) with with 2.50 million tonnes per annum capacity in Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) and Bina (non-coking) with 4.5 million tonnes per annum capacity in Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) are in the final stages of completion.

Coal India Limited (CIL) have issued Letters of Intent to private investors for setting up of washeries on 'build-own-operate' basis at the following four sites :

Name of Washery	Capacity (Million Tonnes per annum)
Dipka (South Eastern Coalfields Limited)	6.00
Kalinga (MCL)	8.00
Ananta-Bharatpur (MCL)	5.20
Sasti (Western Coalfieds Limited)	1.50

In addition, CIL have identified two more sites viz. Raigarh (SECL) and Tikok (North Eastern Coalfields) for establishment of washeries.